KB+ Use Cases

Checking licence properties

Providing e-resources represents a significant investment of time and effort, from acquisition to licensing and management. But libraries are rightly concerned about duplicated and wasted effort across the institution in managing these processes. **KB+ saves librarians time and effort by streamlining e-resource management.**

Problem

Libraries have subscriptions with a variety of different licence terms; some subscriptions are available for walk-in users (i.e. visitors) and alumni and other subscriptions are only available to registered users (i.e. staff and students at the University) on site. Some can be used in course packs and in VLEs, whilst others cannot. It can be a challenge to keep track of the resources and their different licence terms.

How can KB+ help?

**KB+ can help you keep all key information on licences in one place, enabling staff to see at a glance which subscriptions are accessible to walk-in users.**

Our users tell us that KB+ is helping them to keep information on licences in one place and enables them to use this to check access and terms of use for all subscriptions.

KB+ offers:

» Up-to-date licence information covering key values such as walk-in users, alumni access, concurrent access, post-cancellation access and more.

» Option to create your own licence information, making use of our templates or your own licences.

What do KB+ institutions say?

"We have a list that we maintain of resources available for walk-in users. We use the licence properties; we search for the title to see if it’s available for walk-in users. We have a spreadsheet and a list for library staff use and we then share a list via our website."

"We love the display on the licence. The visual icons are really clear and if you’re not quite sure what they mean you can hover over. It’s good that you can see these at a glance from the subscriptions section as well as when you are viewing the licence itself. You can clearly see the key properties and you can get further information if you wish and view the full documents. It’s very user friendly."

"KB+ has all the information we need to support different functions of the library. Our inter-library loans staff use the licence information in KB+ to check conditions of the licence before processing inter-library loans."

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Figure 1: Screenshot showing key licence properties